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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on December 28, 2004.
2. In light of Applicant's amendment to claim 25, the restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the feature "a shock absorption device placed inline with the gear drive section" as recited in claim 27 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement

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Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The recitation: "any screw types which are prone to having the bit hop out of the screw head" in claim 26 is vague and indefinite, because it is unclear what are the metes and bounds of the claim? By what means can one decided, which screw types to be included in this claim?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-17, and 19-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peisert et al. (5,868,208).

Peisert discloses an apparatus comprising: a rotatable output shaft 14, and a chuck assembly 40 arranged to mount a screwdriver and bit (column 1, lines 12-15) and a motor 44 for totatably driving the rotatable output shaft, providing a means for automatic periodic momentary reversals of the rotatable output shaft (column 2, lines 26-32).

Peisert further discloses: a fixed duration of the automatic periodic momentary reversals (intermittent drive mechanism); fixed and adjustable frequency (column 4, lines 58-61, and since the frequency is adjustable thus the adjustable duration); solid-state electronics (figure 5 & column 10, lines 32-38); the duration is based partially on trigger position, motor speed, and motor current (column 9, lines 50-52 – motor speed is inherently dependent on the voltage and the current that energized the motor); relay 130, 152 to achieve reversal of the output shaft; a means allowing the automatic periodic momentary reversals function to be engaged only when the drill/driver is in a low speed gear (column 2, lines 29-32 – to switch from a forward rotation to a reversal rotation, it is inherently that the motor has to slow down, stops and then changes the direction of rotation); the battery assembly for a cordless drill/driver (column 8, lines 46-48); the device is to be used for insertion or removal of any screw types, a shock absorption device placed inline with gear drive section (column 3, lines 47-50); and a means to automatically change duration or frequency based partially on the output shaft vertical load (column 6, lines 33-43 – sensor detects the load at end of screwing operation as torque changes and thus changes the output shaft rotation).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peisert et al. (5,868,208) in view of Gilmore (5,731,673).

As discussed above in paragraph 7 of this office action, Peisert discloses the claimed invention, but does not expressly disclose a processor chip to change frequency of the reversals function.

Gilmore discloses an apparatus, which employs microcomputer to control all of the operation of the apparatus; the microcomputer provides a compact and flexible control mechanism to be put in a power hand tool. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time applicant's invention was made, to have modified Peisert apparatus by incorporating the processor chip (microcomputer) as taught by Gilmore providing a compact and flexible control means for a power hand tool.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh K Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4472. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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